

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20510

April 1, 2019

The Honorable Heather Wilson
Secretary of the Air Force
U.S. Department of the Air Force
1160 Air Force Pentagon
Washington, DC 20330-1160

Dear Secretary Wilson:

The Board of Selectmen for the Town of Newington, New Hampshire recently sent two letters to the Air Force Civil Engineer Center (AFCEC) regarding per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) contamination in their community from the former Pease Air Force Base (Pease AFB). Pease AFB was placed on the National Priorities List in 1990 and remediation and monitoring activities have been ongoing at the site since that time. In 2014, tests of drinking water wells at the former base showed high levels of PFAS contamination. Additional testing of drinking water wells and surface waters indicate that PFAS contamination from Pease AFB has migrated to surrounding areas, including the Town of Newington.

In their letters, the Town of Newington expressed concerns about PFAS contamination in town surface waters and residential drinking water supplies. Due to these concerns, the Town is requesting that the Air Force allocate resources for PFAS blood testing for Newington residents with private drinking water wells and for the testing of deer in Newington.

We ask that you review the letters from the Town of Newington and the requests made within, and work to address the concerns. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. If you need any further information on this issue, please do not hesitate to reach out to our staff: Kerry Holmes in Senator Hassan's office (Kerry_Holmes@hassan.senate.gov); Peter Clark in Senator Shaheen's office (Peter_Clark@shaheen.senate.gov); and Patrick Carroll in Congressman Pappas' office (Patrick.Carroll@mail.house.gov).

Sincerely,



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United States Senator



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